

Kathryn Magil, Yanique McGregor, William Mitchell, Melissa Montanez, Katherine Powell, Crystal Prince, Lauren Smith, Julian Strolen, Chayenne Thomas, Joelle Urrutia, Francisco Vasquez, and Corey West.

With the help and guidance of their teacher, Tanya Hanson, these young students demonstrated vast knowledge and understanding of our U.S. history as well as the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in commending these fine students and their excellent teacher for an outstanding achievement.

#### IN SUPPORT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

(Mr. BURR of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of an exciting new technology. Local television broadcasters across the country are undertaking their biggest advancement in years: The transition to digital television. Digital TV opens the doors to new possibilities, like High Definition TV, interactive television, and expanded programming options.

In my district, we are already served by several stations transmitting a digital signal. I am proud of my hometown broadcasters, like WXII, which is owned by Hearst-Argyle. These stations are leading the charge into the digital future.

These TV stations are small businesses, like others. They have made substantial investments in new transmitting facilities, new production equipment, and, in some cases, new broadcast towers. Collectively, the industry has invested over \$1 billion in this new technology.

While local broadcasters are doing their part to propel the digital television transition forward, we have yet to see all the pieces of this come together in place. I believe the transition will accelerate once cable companies begin to carry digital signals. Seventy percent of U.S. households receive their TV through cable. We need that signal as digital.

I hope that Congress can work with these differing groups, broadcasters and cable operators and other interested parties, on the remaining issues. Until then, however, I remain fully confident that the future of television is digital, and I believe the future is bright.

#### FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is June 6, 2002, and 58 years ago on this day, as President Reagan said nearly 20 years

ago, we mark a day in history when allied peoples joined in battle to reclaim a continent to liberty.

As President Reagan said, for 4 long years much of Europe had been caught up under a terrible shadow. Free nations had fallen, Jews cried out in the camps, millions cried for liberation, and America and her allies responded.

225 Rangers came ashore at Pointe de Hoc, Normandy, along with thousands of others. As President Reagan would say, that day in 1984, the men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or the next. It was the deep knowledge, and I pray God we have not lost it, of the profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest.

Let us, on this 58th anniversary, never forget the courage, the inspiration, and the faith of the boys and the men of Pointe du Hoc, Normandy.

#### PRAY FOR MARTIN AND GRACIA BURNHAM

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 376th day that Martin and Gracia Burnham have been held captive by Muslim terrorists in the Philippines. It has been over a year now.

This July 31, the U.S. military 6-month advisory mission in the Philippines expires, yet many of us are requesting of the administration that our troops stay beyond the current deadline. There was some concern, when our troops first arrived in the Philippines 5 months ago, they would not be well received. When Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz visited the Philippines last week, he found they were very receptive in the Philippines, and that even a Muslim governor in the southern Philippines wanted an increased role for our U.S. military.

Our special forces commanders feel like their job is not done. We have strategic interests and a common goal of getting rid of terrorism, so we must stay. Terrorism will not stop without their help.

And then there are the Burnhams still being held hostage. How can we walk away from two of our citizens being held captive by Muslim terrorists? Mr. Speaker, I believe we know where the Burnhams are. I believe if we have the political will, we can bring them home safely. I ask the President to not walk away from Martin and Gracia Burnham.

As always, I ask my colleagues to join me in prayer for Martin and Gracia and their loved ones so this nightmare may soon be over.

#### IN HONOR OF AMANDA KAY EDWARDS

(Mr. OSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Amanda K. Edwards. I rise today to honor her life as a constituent and as a friend of mine.

Ms. Amanda K. Edwards passed away on Tuesday of this week, and I seek to commemorate her life and service to our community. Her life was cut short, as I said, on Tuesday at the age of 18. My sympathies are with her family and friends during this difficult time. She was an extraordinary young woman with a very bright future ahead of her.

Amanda was a recent graduate of Maxwell High School, where she was a member of the California Scholarship Federation. She had been accepted at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and planned to major in ranch management.

In addition to her scholastic achievements, Amanda was a rodeo queen of the Maxwell Rodeo and Stonyford Rodeo 2002. She was a member of the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Club. Frankly, her list of accomplishments is quite impressive, but it really does not capture her true spirit.

I had the pleasure of knowing Amanda. We competed together at the Colusa Western Days and together we won the Team Penning competition. It was her energy and enthusiasm that led us to victory two years in a row. She was dedicated, hard-working, but, more importantly, she was a good person, and we have too few of those. Our Nation's future rests in the hands of younger Americans such as Amanda, and, frankly, she was a great example of what lies ahead for this country in terms of the standards she set.

Without a doubt, she contributed great things, not only to our community, but to each of our lives. Her passing is a tragedy and she will be deeply missed. I am grateful that she was a part of my life.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FILNER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### FAREWELL TO DEPARTING 2001-2002 PAGE CLASS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) is recognized for 5 minutes.